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THE BANK OF ENGLAND, LONDON, IN 1797. MIDDLE SECTION WAS BUILT IN 1733, THE WINGS 55 YEARS LATER. NOW EMPLOYS UPWARDS OF 1,000 PERSONS, HAS A MILITARY GUARD AND A FORCE OF CLERKS ON WATCH NIGHTLY, TO INSURE THE SAFETY OF APPROXIMATELY $100,000,000 IN GOLD AND SILVER.

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HOME OF JOHN HANCOCK, SITE OF THE PRESENT 29 AND 30 BEACON STREET. BUILT 1737, DEMOLISHED 1863. OCCUPIED DURING THE SIEGE OF BOSTON BY THE BRITISH GENERAL CLINTON AND BY LORD PERCY. HERE WERE ENTERTAINED WASHINGTON, LAFAYETTE, AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRENCH NOBILITY WHO WERE OUR ALLIES IN THE REVOLUTION.

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CELEBRATION INCIDENT TO THE INTRODUCTION OF COCHITUATE WATER INTO BOSTON, IN 1848, AND FIRST EXHIBITION PLAY OF THE FOUNTAIN IN THE FROG POND ON THE COMMON. IN LEFT FOREGROUND, WITH A DOG BEHIND HIM, IS DANIEL WEBSTER.

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FRANKLIN STREET IN 1855, THEN A FASHIONABLE RESIDENTIAL STREET. AT THE RIGHT IS THE FIRST CONTINUOUS BLOCK OF HOUSES BUILT IN BOSTON. THE DISTANT SPIRE IS THAT OF DR. CHANNING'S CHURCH, SINCE BECOME ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH. IN FRONT OF IT IS THE FIRST EDIFICE OF THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY CROSS. THE URN WITHIN THE ENCLOSURE WAS A MEMORIAL TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

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MEETING HOUSE HILL, ROXBURY, IN 1790, SHOWING FIRST CHURCH, FOUNDED BY JOHN ELIOT, IN WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS ELIOT SQUARE. THE VIEW IS FROM ABOUT PRESENT CORNER OF WASHINGTON AND RUGGLES STREETS. THIS CHURCH EDIFICE BUILT 1746, DEMOLISHED 1803. FROM ITS BELFRY, THE NIGHT OF MARCH 17, 1776, SIGNAL LANTERNS APPRISED THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY OF THE EVACUATION OF BOSTON BY THE BRITISH TROOPS.

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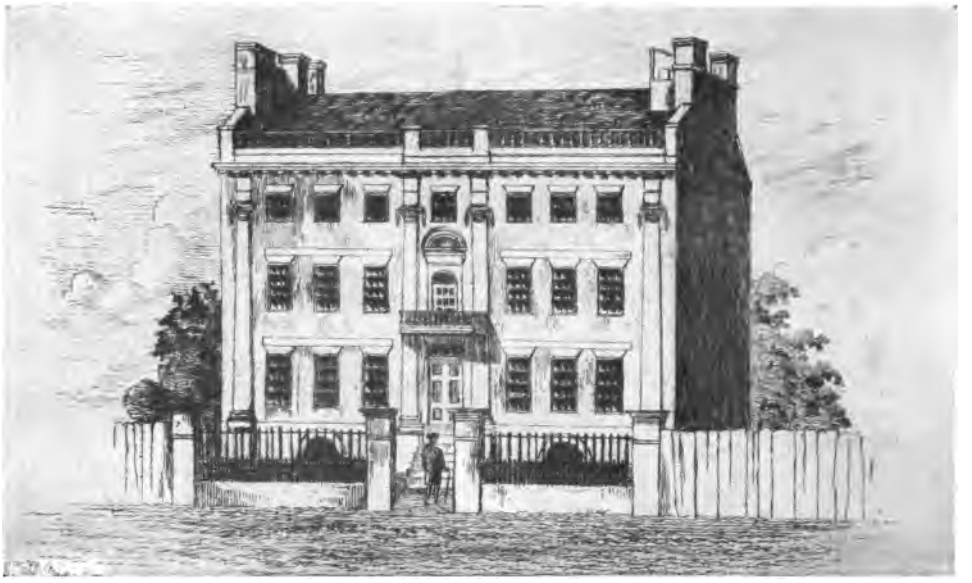

HOME OF ROYAL GOVERNOR, THOMAS HUTCHINSON, CORNER OF GARDEN COURT STREET AND FLEET STREET. BUILT BEFORE 1700, DEMOLISHED 1834. DURING STAMP-ACT RIOTS, IN 1765, THE HOUSE WAS SACKED AT NIGHT, AND PRICELESS MSS. DATA GATHERED BY GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON FOR HIS HISTORY OF MASSACHUSETTS WAS SCATTERED ABOUT THE STREETS AND LOST FOREVER.

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TREMONT HOUSE, SITE OF PRESENT TREMONT BUILDING, CORNER BEACON AND TREMONT STREETS. THE BEST HOTEL IN AMERICA WHEN BUILT IN 1827. DEMOLISHED IN 1895. AMONG EARLY GUESTS OF THE HOUSE WERE THACKERAY, CHARLES AND FANNY KEMBLE, PRESIDENT ANDREW JACKSON, AND CHARLES DICKENS. JOHN WILKES BOOTH WAS THERE SHORTLY BEFORE HE SHOT PRESIDENT LINCOLN.

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BOSTON CUSTOM HOUSE IN 1850, ONE YEAR AFTER IT WAS BUILT. IT THEN STOOD AT THE HEAD OF LONG WHARF, AND TO ITS BACK DOOR CAME THE WATERS OF THE SEA AND THE HINGHAM SAILING PACKET. THIS EDIFICE WAS ONE OF THE LAST OF THE CLASSICAL ORDER THAT HAD BEEN IN VOGUE SINCE INTRODUCED BY CHARLES BULFINCH, 50 YEARS EARLIER.

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VIEW OF THE ATTACK ON BUNKER HILL, WITH THE BURNING OF CHARLESTOWN, JUNE 17, 1775. FROM BARNARD'S HISTORY OF ENGLAND. SHOWS BOMBARDMENT BY BRITISH FLEET AND BATTERY IN COPP'S HILL BURYING-GROUND AND THE TRANSPORTATION OF BRITISH TROOPS ACROSS THE RIVER FROM BOSTON TO CHARLESTOWN.

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STATE STREET IN 1801, WHEN IT WAS TO A LARGE EXTENT A REGION OF SUBSTANTIAL RESIDENCES AND FASHIONABLE BOARDING-HOUSES. THE FORMER ROYAL CUSTOM HOUSE, IN FRONT OF WHICH IS SEEN A MAN HOLDING A HORSE, WAS ON THE SITE OF THE PRESENT UNION BUILDING, THE FIRST FLOOR OF WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY THE STATE STREET TRUST COMPANY.

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FIRST STEAM RAILWAY PASSENGER TRAIN, MOHAWK & HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD, OCTOBER, 1831, RAN FROM ALBANY TO SCHENECTADY, 16 MILES. LOCOMOTIVE JOHN BULL, BUILT IN ENGLAND, WEIGHED FOUR TONS, ONE-FORTIETH THE WEIGHT OF A MODERN LOCOMOTIVE; BURNT WOOD ONLY. ENGINEER, JOHN HAMPTON, ENGLISHMAN; CARS, FORMER STAGE-COACHES, PLACED ON FLANGE WHEELS.

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BURNING OF THE OLD STATE HOUSE, AT THAT TIME CITY HALL, IN 1832, FROM AN ORIGINAL FIREMAN'S CERTIFICATE. THE BLAZE WAS NOT SERIOUS, HAVING BEEN CONFINED TO THE ATTIC STORY.

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BOSTON MASSACRE, STATE STREET, CORNER OF EXCHANGE STREET, NIGHT OF MARCH 5, 1770. FIRST BLOODSHED OF THE REVOLUTION, SEVEN CITIZENS KILLED BY BRITISH SOLDIERS. BUILDING AT RIGHT, MARKED "BUTCHER'S HALL" AND "CUSTOM HOUSE," IN FRONT OF WHICH SOLDIERS STAND, MARKS SITE OF STATE STREET TRUST COMPANY TO-DAY.

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UNION BUILDING, HOME OF THE STATE STREET TRUST COMPANY. BUILT ABOUT 1810. HERE WAS THE HOUSE AND DRY-GOODS SHOP OF ANTHONY STODDARD, THE RICHEST BOSTONIAN AND GREATEST REAL ESTATE OPERATOR OF HIS TIME. THE RECORD OF HIS DEATH IN 1687 SAYS, "HE WAS THE ANCIENTIST SHOPKEEPER IN TOWNE." DOWNING STREET, LONDON, THE DIPLOMATIC CENTRE OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, WAS NAMED FOR MRS. STODDARD'S BROTHER, GEORGE DOWNING. STODDARD'S HOUSE SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME THE STATES ARMS TAVERN, WHERE THE MAGISTRATES FROM THE TOWN HOUSE DINED, AND WAS SUCCEEDED BY THE ROYAL CUSTOM HOUSE, WHICH IN TURN WAS FOLLOWED BY THE PRESENT UNION BUILDING. THE STOCK EXCHANGE WAS HERE IN THE EARLY FIFTIES. THIS CORNER WAS STARTING-POINT FOR FIRST REGULAR STAGE-COACH TO NEW YORK CITY, IN 1772.

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The Manchester Almanack,
With a TIDE TABLE for Liverpool, shewing the Times of High Water and Heights of the Tide at the Custom House Dock Gates,
FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1817, BEING THE FIRST AFTER LEAP YEA
To be continued Annually.

THE MANCHESTER (ENGLAND) EXCHANGE IN 1817. THEN THE GREATEST COTTON MARKET IN THE WORLD. BUILT 1809, DEMOLISHED 1869.

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VIEW LOOKING DOWN STATE STREET IN 1850. AT RIGHT, WITH GRECIAN COLUMNS, IS OLD MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE BUILDING. BUILT 1841, DEMOLISHED 1889, AND SUCCEEDED BY THE PRESENT EXCHANGE BUILDING. IT WAS THE SITE OF GOVERNOR JOHN WINTHROP'S FIRST MANSION IN BOSTON, BUILT IN 1631.

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VIEW OF THE GREAT BOSTON FIRE, NOVEMBER 9 AND 10, 1872, WHICH BURNED FOR DAYS, AND SWEPT SIXTY ACRES IN THE HEART OF THE BUSINESS DISTRICT, DESTROYING PROPERTY TO THE VALUE OF $100,000,000.

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VIEW DOWN STATE STREET, FROM THE LOWER END OF THE OLD STATE HOUSE, IN 1865.

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OLD STATE HOUSE.

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ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE IS SOUTH-WEST VIEW OF OLD STATE HOUSE IN 1795, WHEN THERE WERE NO SIDEWALKS IN BOSTON. ON THE CORNER OF STATE STREET, AT THE LEFT OF THE STATE HOUSE, JOHN COGAN OPENED THE FIRST SHOP IN BOSTON IN 1634; ON THE CORNER AT THE RIGHT LIVED CAPTAIN ROBERT KEAYNE, FOUNDER OF THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY IN 1637. THERE, BEFORE THE REVOLUTION, GENERAL HENRY KNOX, WASHINGTON'S CHIEF OF ARTILLERY, LEARNED THE TRADE OF BOOKSELLER. THIS VIEW SHOWS THE QUADRANGLE FORMING THE ANCIENT PURITAN MARKET-PLACE, IN THE MIDDLE OF WHICH THE TOWN HOUSE, LATER THE OLD STATE HOUSE, WAS BUILT.

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LANDING BRITISH TROOPS ON LONG WHARF, SEPTEMBER 30, 1768, AS RESULT OF STAMP-ACT TROUBLES. THE SECOND CHURCH SPIRE FROM THE RIGHT IS THAT OF THE PRESENT OLD NORTH. THE OLD STATE HOUSE AND FANEUIL HALL ARE ALSO CONSPICUOUS. DRAWN AND ENGRAVED BY PAUL REVERE.

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VIEW OF BOSTON FROM DOVER STREET BRIDGE, ABOUT 1825, FROM A FRENCH LITHOGRAPH OF THE TIME. THIS WAS THE FIRST BRIDGE FROM THE CITY PROPER TO SOUTH BOSTON.

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LANDING OF THE PILGRIMS, FROM PAINTING IN PILGRIM HALL, PLYMOUTH, EXECUTED BY HENRY SARGENT, OF BOSTON, BORN 1770, DIED 1845, PUPIL OF BENJAMIN WEST IN LONDON ABOUT 1800.

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THE BACK BAY AND BEACON HILL, WITH THE PROVIDENCE AND THE WORCESTER RAILROADS, AS SEEN ABOUT 1840, FROM THE CROSSING OF THE PRESENT WEST NEWTON STREET AND THE PROVIDENCE RAILROAD.

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STATE STREET AND OLD STATE HOUSE IN 1849. ON THE RIGHT, NEAR THE OLD STATE HOUSE, ARE SEEN THE TALL COLUMNS OF THE THEN FAMOUS UNITED STATES BANK BUILDING. NOTE THE TWO-WHEELED, ONE-HORSE TRUCK, WHICH VANISHED FROM BOSTON'S STREETS SOON AFTERWARD.

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BOSTON'S FIRST CITY HALL, SCHOOL STREET, IN 1856. BUILT 1811, KNOWN AS THE COURT HOUSE, OR AS JOHNSON HALL, TILL BOSTON BECAME A CITY IN 1822. GAVE WAY TO PRESENT CITY HALL IN 1865.

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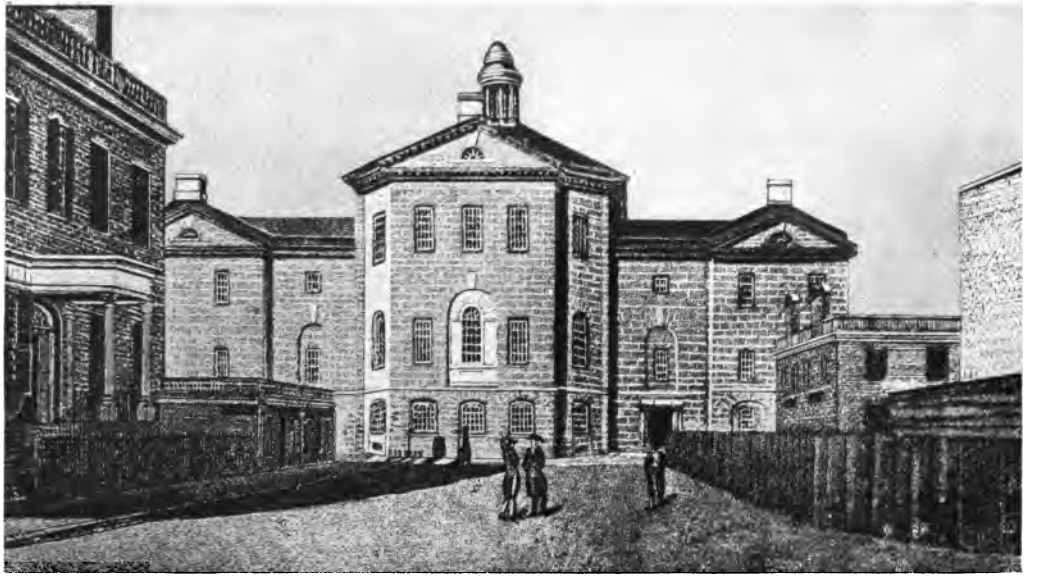

SUFFOLK COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN 1813. ALSO KNOWN AS JOHNSON HALL. BECAME BOSTON'S FIRST CITY HALL IN 1822. SITE OF PRESENT CITY HALL, SCHOOL STREET. THE LARGE BUILDING AT THE LEFT WAS BARRISTERS' HALL, AND THE ONE-STORY STRUCTURE JUST BEYOND WAS AN OLD "HAND-TUB" ENGINE-HOUSE.

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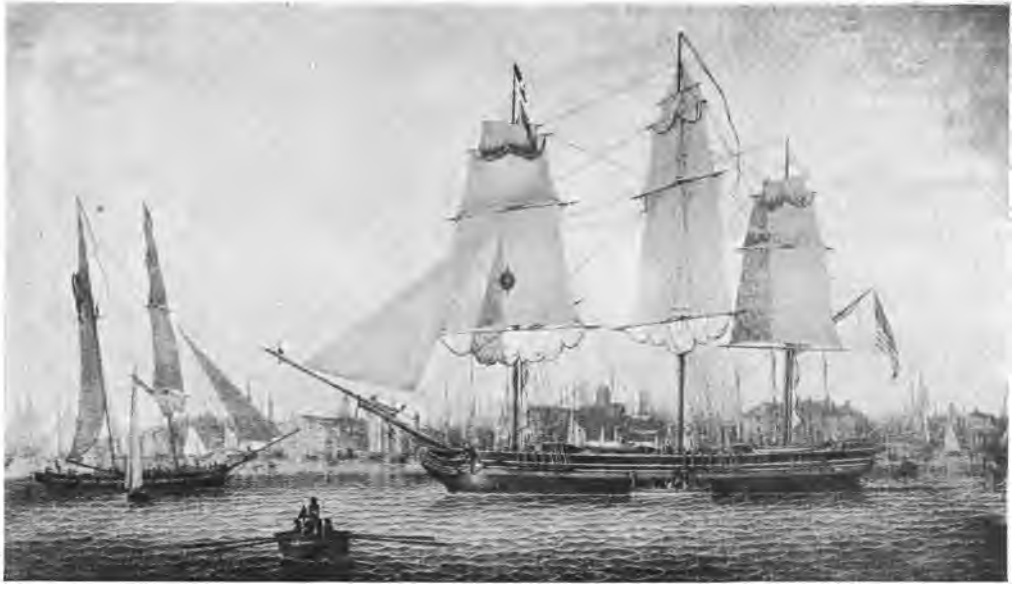

WHARVES OF BOSTON, IN THE HEART OF THE BUSINESS SECTION, IN 1829. PAINTED BY ROBERT SALMON, MOST NOTED OF BOSTON'S EARLY MARINE PAINTERS, WHO LIVED AND WORKED AT THE SEAWARD END OF BATTERY WHARF.

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VIEW OF BOSTON FROM THE HARBOR, IN 1856. THE TALL CHURCH SPIRE SEEN BEHIND THE SHIP IN THE FOREGROUND WAS AT THE INTERSECTION OF FEDERAL AND FRANKLIN STREETS.

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WASHINGTON'S TRIUMPHAL ARCH, DURING HIS VISIT TO BOSTON IN OCTOBER, 1789. IT CROSSED WASHINGTON STREET FROM THE CORNER OF STATE TO COURT STREET. A CHOIR, SEATED ON ITS TOP, SANG AN ODE TO WASHINGTON, WHO SAT ON A TEMPORARY BALCONY, SEEN AT THE END OF THE OLD STATE HOUSE.

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VIEW OF BOSTON FROM EAST BOSTON, IN 1848.

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BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL AND BURNING OF CHARLESTOWN, JUNE 17, 1775. BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS FROM BOSTON LANDING ON SITE OF PRESENT NAVY YARD, AND FORMING FOR THIRD AND FINALLY SUCCESSFUL ASSAULT ON AMERICAN REDOUBT AT TOP OF HILL. IN THE FOREGROUND IS THE BRITISH MAN-O'-WAR "SOMERSET," UNDER THE STERN OF WHICH PAUL REVERE ROWED ACROSS CHARLES RIVER TO CHARLESTOWN, TO START ON HIS MIDNIGHT RIDE TO LEXINGTON, APRIL 18, 1775.

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BOSTON FROM THE WEST END OF CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD, IN 1833. THE MOST CONSPICUOUS FEATURE IN THE DISTANCE IS THE SPIRE OF THE OLD NORTH CHURCH AT THE NORTH END.

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THE BACK BAY, SEEN FROM THE STATE HOUSE, ABOUT 1857, JUST BEFORE WORK OF FILLING IN BEGAN. THE MILL DAM, NOW BEACON STREET, EXTENDS ACROSS THE WATERS, THE LITTLE CLUSTER OF HOUSES IN THE DISTANCE MARKING ITS PRESENT JUNCTION WITH THE FENWAY. ARLINGTON STREET, BORDERED WITH TREES, FORMS THE SHORE LINE BEYOND THE PUBLIC GARDEN.

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COLISEUM, IN WHICH FIRST PEACE JUBILEE TOOK PLACE, IN 1869, ON SITE OF MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, COPLEY SQUARE. IN LOWER RIGHT-HAND CORNER OF PICTURE IS SITE OF PRESENT WALKER BUILDING, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

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OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE, BUILT 1729. ABANDONED AS A PLACE OF WORSHIP IN 1872. THE BRICK BLOCK AT THE LEFT WAS THE FIRST BUSINESS BLOCK BUILT IN BOSTON. THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF IT WAS ALSO THE EARLIEST CONSTRUCTED HERE, AND WAS FOR YEARS BEFORE AND AFTER 1800 THE FASHIONABLE AFTERNOON PROMENADE OF THE TOWN.

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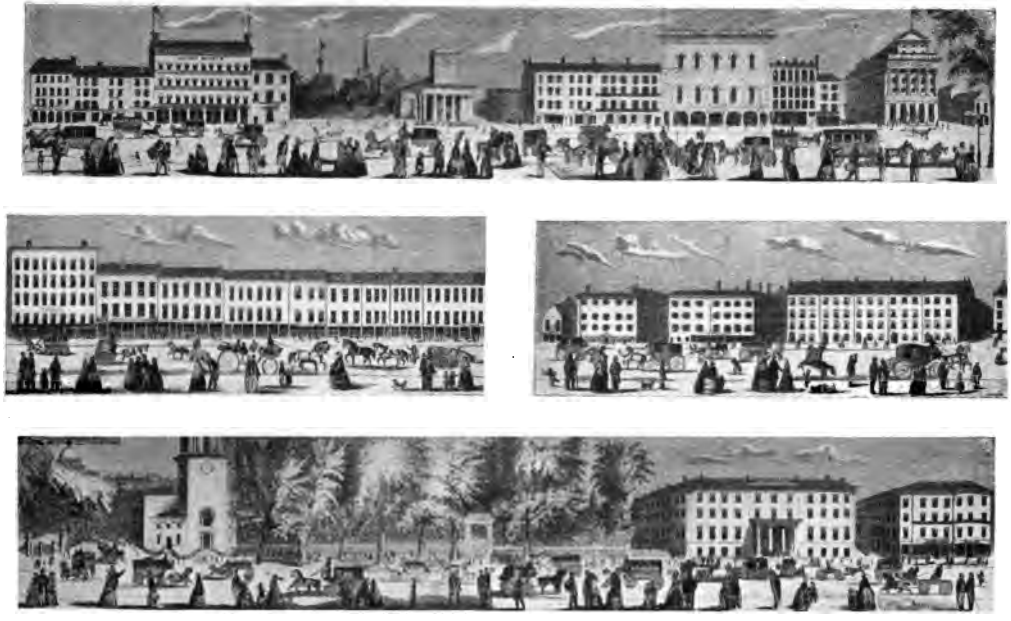

PANORAMIC VIEW OF TREMONT STREET IN 1852, SHOWING BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET FROM SCOLLAY'S SQUARE TO WINTER AND PARK STREETS. SCARCELY HALF A DOZEN OF THE BUILDINGS NOW REMAIN.

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MEETING HOUSE OF FIRST CHURCH OF HINGHAM, MASS., BUILT 1681, STILL STANDING. COST 430 POUNDS TO BUILD. THE TYPE OF ARCHITECTURE THAT PREVAILED FOR CHURCHES IN NEW ENGLAND FOR MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED YEARS AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE COLONY. SIMILAR TO BOSTON'S FIRST CHURCH, SITE OF PRESENT ROGERS BUILDING, AND IN WHICH GENERAL COURT MET AND WITCHES AND QUAKERS WERE TRIED AND CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

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EXCHANGE COFFEE HOUSE, BOSTON'S EARLIEST "SKY-SCRAPER" AND THE FINEST PUBLIC HOUSE OF ITS DAY. BUILT 1808, BURNED 1819. ITS SITE IS NOW NUMBERED 19–25 CONGRESS STREET. IT WAS BOUNDED ON THREE SIDES BY CONGRESS SQUARE. IT WAS THE TEMPORARY HOME OF DAVY CROCKETT AND OF PRESIDENT MONROE, WHEN EACH VISITED BOSTON, ABOUT 1818.

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BIRTHPLACE OF GENERAL JOSEPH WARREN, WHO FELL AT BUNKER HILL. BUILT 1720, DEMOLISHED 1846. THE HOUSE THAT SUCCEEDED IT IS NUMBERED 130 WARREN STREET, ROXBURY.

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BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF MT. VERNON, THE HOME OF WASHINGTON.

VIEW OF BOSTON.

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WHIG MASS MEETING ON BOSTON COMMON, SEPTEMBER 19, 1844. RETURN OF THE PROCESSION. RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED TO CLAY CLUB NO. 1, BOSTON.

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